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Co-operation in Stores.

The New York Co-operative Society is now fully organized and incorporated, and the plan of "every man his own storekeeper" will soon be practically tested in this city, as it has been successfully in other cities and in England. After R. Foote, President of the Society, gave to a Tribune reporter on Sunday an account of the present state and prospects of the Society.

The charter was filed January 14th, the signers being those of John Goshell, Jas. C. Woods, F. L. Greenway, James T. Young, Augustus F. Childs, Joseph Mitchell, Allen R. Foote, Alfred Van Brakle and John Angus Shaw. The Association is incorporated under Chapter 571 of the laws of 1867, amended by Chapter 85 of the laws of 1876. The charter provides that the powers granted to the Society shall be exercised in the city and county of New York for the purpose of "buying for cash articles for domestic and personal use, and selling the same for cash at current retail prices to members of this Society and others." The amount of capital subscribed is \$1,000, in shares of \$25 each. The profits are to be divided among the members, employees and patrons of the Society in proportion to their contribution to the business of the Society by capital, labor or cash, as provided in the by-laws. The fiscal year begins with December 1st, and ends with November 30th. The officers are to be elected for one year at each annual meeting, and consist of the President, who is ex-officio a member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, eight other Trustees, and a Treasurer. The charter is to last for twenty-five years. The incorporate name of the body is the New York Co-operative Society.

Under the State law the liability of members is limited to the par value of their shares. The by-laws provide that any one can become a member who is approved by the Board of Trustees, by paying an entrance fee of \$5 and subscribing for five or more shares. Each member is entitled to one vote at the Society's meetings, which are to be held on the third Tuesday in each month, the annual meeting being held in January. The Board of Trustees has the power to appoint all employees, and fix the rate of compensation. An Auditing Committee of three, elected annually, is required to audit the books of the Society monthly, and make a full report of the state of its business at each quarterly meeting. Complaints in regard to goods, price or the conduct of employees are to be referred to the Board of Trustees. Ten per cent. of each share is required in subscription and the balance at the rate of \$1 per month for each share until paid. The Society guarantees to pay 6 per cent. interest on shares in quarterly payments. Dividends will also be made quarterly if the profits of the Society allow, non-members who are purchasers being entitled to one-half as much as members. All sales are to be made for cash, and no discrimination in prices are to be allowed between customers.

The following officers were elected January 2d: Allen R. Foote, President; John Angus Shaw, Vice-Chairman of the American National Bank; Treasurer; Mrs. Hope Wauplin, Secretary. The Trustees are: A. K. Foote, Chairman, A. F. Childs, (with Cooper, Hewitt & Co.); T. W. S. Meldrum, (with American Exchange National Bank); John Law, No. 85 Broadway; George Tolson, (of the Slave Owners' Society); John L. Wilkinson, (of the Amalgamated Engineers' Society); H. W. Clark, (with E. L. Smith); O. N. Hersey, (wood publisher); Miss Mary F. Boyle (photographer). The auditors elected are Christopher Palmer, R. W. Rogers, (bookkeeper), and George T. Robertson, (photographer), and Secretary of the Wreckers' Association.

The first series of 200 shares has been taken, and \$1,000 is now in a bank ready to begin business. The books are now open at the office of the Society, No. 25 Copper Lane, for the second series of shares. The books now contain the names of about 150 paying subscribers, which are being added to every day. The list includes ministers, lawyers, editors, bankers, bookkeepers, merchants and workmen of all classes. The officers are now busy perfecting plans for carrying on the business and preparing a catalogue of the goods to be sold. From this catalogue customers may select their supplies, order by mail, and have the goods delivered anywhere in the city without charge. Goods will be forwarded to out-of-town buyers at their expense by parcel express. Several persons outside of the city, in Brooklyn, Jersey City, and other places, have become members. The Society proposes to start new stores at about the same time, the location of which is not yet decided, though it has been suggested to place one in Harrison, and one each on the East and West sides about as high up as Fifth Street. As the subscription increase is intended to start neighborhood stores wherever the number of subscribers will warrant. One hundred subscribers, it is calculated, will support a store, and the various localities will be canvassed to ascertain if 100 families will purchase a store if it is opened. Such goods that are difficult and unfamiliar will be sold, and the shopkeepers will be men experienced in the business. The first catalogue issued will be mostly of groceries, but as the business expands, the Society proposes to deal in all things necessary for the household. The president said yesterday that he expected to be able to supply goods in about fifteen days. Previous to the opening of the stores, it is proposed to have a public meeting, at which the principles and method of the Co-operative Society will be fully set forth in an address. Special effort has been made to interest workmen and mechanics in the Society, as being the class most needing its benefits. Though many are doubtful of the Society's plan, as being an untried experiment here, representatives of both classes have become members and the Society expects a large addition of members as soon as its stores are started. President Foote is in correspondence with persons in over a hundred different towns, where the subject of co-operative stores is being discussed. A store in Brooklyn, in Bowery-place, opposite the Court House Park, will be opened some time this month. A store in Jersey City will be started and in operation soon. Another in Newark is nearly ready to open. There are stores also at New Brunswick, N. J., the Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va., and Houston, Texas. The Societies outside of New York generally are formed exactly like the New York society, with the same by-laws and regulations. These can also take advantage of the trade arrangements of the New York society, concentrating the purchasing power, and thus getting supplies at reduced rates.

Funny Incidents at a Ticket Sale.

An amusing incident took place at the sale of Bernardino tickets in Boston which did not get into the papers. A young boy began very early and stepped into the line to take his turn at the ticket office. While waiting he received a telegram which made it necessary to leave. He gave a small boy a dollar to hold his place while he was absent. The boy had gone out of sight when another gentleman appeared and gave the small boy ten dollars for the place. Directly afterward the first gentleman returned, and finding the boy gone and a man in his place, he was naturally mad. Hasty words passed between them, and then there followed the usual.

came along and arrested both and took them off to the lockup, and at the same time the absent youth was counting over his own good fortune and the sequel. After a little deliberation the two victims cooled off and were permitted to depart, and both have since looked at Bernardino from a dollar seat in the "family circle." —Boston Letter to the Buryford (Conn.) Times.

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